



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

JAMES E. TURNER et al

Serial No.: 535,967

Filed: June 8, 1990

For: NICOTINE-IMPERMEABLE  
CONTAINER AND METHOD OF  
FABRICATING THE SAME

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Group Art Unit: 332

Examiner: J. Doyle

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 1991, please  
amend the application identified above as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11, and replace it with the following  
claims:

6-14  
5-43. A nicotine delivery system with an extended shelf  
life, containing a measured amount of nicotine which can  
selectively be made accessible to a user, comprising:

R (a) a container formed of a material which is  
effectively impermeable to nicotine and oxygen;

R (b) a carrier in the container for carrying a measured  
amount of nicotine in a state which can supply nicotine in vapor  
form to a user, said carrier being maintained in the container in  
an effectively oxygen-free environment;

f (c) access means for selectively providing the user with  
access to the interior of the container; and

f (d) differential pressure means for allowing a  
differential pressure to be applied to the carrier for releasing  
nicotine in vapor form through said access means when the interior  
of the container is made accessible to the user.